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SUBJECT: SECOND REPORT FROM KILI.

1. FOLLOWING OUR DEPARTURE ON THE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 3, THE KILI COMMUNITY MET THRU THE NIGHT UNTIL THREE IN THE MORNING.
2. AT 8:00, WE AGAIN MET, THIS TIME WITH ONLY THE MEN. FOLLOWING THE PRAYER DISTAD DEBRUM MADE INTRODUCTORY REMARKS AND ASKED ME TO SUMMARIZE AGAIN THE ERDA FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.
3. I DEFINED THREE KINDS OF ISSUES FOR THE BIKINI PEOPLE:
  - A. ECONOMIC (FOOD SUPPLY, ETC.), WHICH ARE APPROPRIATELY DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR QUESTIONS.
  - B. LEGAL, WHICH WE WILL NOT PRESUME TO DISCUSS.
  - C. SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, UPON WHICH WE ARE PREPARED TO ADVISE.
- I THEN REVIEWED THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS, AND REITERATED THAT WE WOULD CARRY THIS SAME MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE AT BIKINI.
4. THE DISTAD ASKED ME TO COMPARE THE STANDARDS WHICH ARE USE

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FOR BIKINI WITH THOSE USED FOR ENEWETAK. I REPLIED THAT IN BOTH CASES THE SAME INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTED GUIDELINES HAD BEEN USED.

5. MLSC LAWYER ALLEN ASKED WHETHER ANY STATES OF THE UNION HAVE ADOPTED MORE CONSERVATIVE STANDARDS THAN THOSE WE HAVE USED.

I REPLIED THAT I AM UNAWARE OF ANY MORE CONSERVATIVE STANDARDS, APPLICABLE TO THIS SITUATION, WHICH HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY ANY STATE.

I THEN EXPLAINED THE "LOWEST PRACTICABLE" CONCEPT AND ITS APPLICATION TO BIKINI IN SUCH MATTERS AS CLEAN AGGREGATE, CRUSHED CORAL, ETC.

6. THERE ENSUED A BRIEF EXCHANGE WITH THE DISTAD REGARDING ECONOMIC SUBSIDY OF RESETTLED BIKINIANS.

7. THE KILI SCRIBE, BOTH IMPASSIONED AND ARTICULATE, AND IN OUR IMPRESSION A MAN WITH A SUBSTANTIAL FOLLOWING, THEN SPOKE. HE WAS APPALLED, HE SAID, THAT WE WOULD PRESENT UNCERTAINTIES AND EXPECT THE PEOPLE OF BIKINI TO MAKE THESE SERIOUS CHOICES FOR THEMSELVES. "IF BIKINI IS SAFE, THEN LET A FEW IMPORTANT AMERICAN FAMILIES COME AND LIVE AT BIKINI FOR 5 YEARS. I WILL GIVE THEM MY LAND." TO THIS DISTAD DEBRUM REPLIED THAT NEITHER HE NOR THE US AGENCIES WERE TRYING TO FORCE PEOPLE TO RETURN, BUT RATHER WERE COMMITTED TO RESPONDING TO THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE IN HELPING THEM WORK TOWARD A SAFE RETURN IF THAT IS THEIR CHOICE.

8. THE SCRIBE THEN REPORTED THAT THE COMMUNITY IS DIVIDED: "THOSE WHO WISH TO RETURN AND RISK THEIR LIVES MAY, BUT THERE ARE ABOUT 200 OF US WHO WILL STAY." DEBRUM REPLIED, "I DON'T THINK THE WORDS 'RISK THEIR LIVES' IS APPROPRIATE. WE WOULDN'T ADVISE THEM TO RETURN IF THERE WAS DANGER TO THEIR LIVES.

9. GEORGE ALLEN ATTEMPTED TO LEAD PAUL GUDIYSEN INTO A DETAILED TECHNICAL DISCUSSION OF SURVEY RESULTS, BUT GUDIYSEN DEFTLY AVOIDED AN UNPRODUCTIVE DEBATE ON NUMBERS.

10. THERE FOLLOWED CONSIDERABLE FACTIONAL DEBATE AMONG THE KILI PEOPLE, WITH DISTAD DEBRUM SOMETIMES INVOLVED, REVEALING TO US THAT THERE ARE STRONG FEELINGS BOTH FOR AND AGAINST EARLY RETURN.

11. THE REMAINING SIGNIFICANT SUBJECT WAS MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS. GEORGE ALLEN PROPOSED AN INDEPENDENT MEDICAL SURVEY PROGRAM FUNDED BY ERDA BUT SELECTED BY MLSC IN BEHALF OF THE BIKINI PEOPLE. (I SHALL EXPAND ON THIS LATER.) ONE YOUNG BIKINI SPOKESMAN STATED THAT HE HAS LOST HIS TRUST IN DR. CONARD AND WOULD NOT PERMIT HIMSELF OR HIS FAMILY TO BE EXAMINED BY CONARD. (I AM ARRANGING TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER PERSONALLY WITH CONARD BEFORE HIS SEPTEMBER SURVEY AND WILL REPORT IN DETAIL LATER.)

12. AFTER CLOSING STATEMENTS BY ALL, THE BIKINI LEADERSHIP INDICATED

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THAT THEY NEED MORE TIME TO CONSIDER, AND MORE INFORMATION. WE INDICATED THAT WE WOULD RETURN AT ANY TIME AT THE REQUEST OF THE DISTAD. THIS IS A MOST ABBREVIATED REPORT IN ORDER TO MEET TWX DEADLINE. WE DEPARTED KILI AT NOON SEPTEMBER 4 AND ARRIVED MAJURO AT 1030, SEPTEMBER 5 IN TIME TO CATCH AIR MICRONESIA FOR KWAJALEIN. TOMORROW, SATURDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER, WILL BE SPENT AT BIKINI IN A REPEAT PERFORMANCE.

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